



BOOKS WITH A "WATER" THEME

READING LEVEL GRADES 4-6

These are only suggestions that relate to our theme. You may read whatever you want to count for reading minutes.

FORMAT GUIDE:

RC = Recorded Cassette

DB = Digital Book Cartridge

LP = Large Print Book

BR = Braille Book

DB (BARD) = Audio Book available download from the NLS Download Site at <https://nlsbard.loc.gov>. Book titles can be downloaded to a VictorStream Reader or to a blank digital cartridge that you may purchase.

- RC 62253 **ABEL'S ISLAND** by William Steig.
DB (BARD) Accustomed to a life of leisure, gentlemanly Abel must be resourceful
BRU 6791 to survive after he finds himself stranded on a remote island.
Newbery Honor Book.
- RC 54237 **ADRIFT** by Allan Baillie.
Flynn, his little sister, Sally, and her cat, Nebu, are playing pirates in
an old crate they find on the beach when they suddenly discover that
they are adrift on the sea.
- RC 57432 **AMERICA'S GREAT DISASTERS** by Martin W. Sandler.
DB (BARD) Examines causes and effects of historic U.S. disasters such as the
"Blizzard of '88", the 1889 Johnstown flood, the 1900 Galveston
hurricane, the Dust Bowl, and the 1918 flu epidemic.
- RC 42175 **THE BALLAD OF THE PIRATE QUEENS** by Jane Yolen.
A verse based on the true story of two female pirates, Anne Bonney
and Mary Reade who attempt to defend their ship from government
capture, even when the rest of the crew refuse to help. All of them
are taken prisoner, but the two women have the last laugh.
- RC 55107 **BIRDBRAIN AMOS** by M.C. Delaney.
When Amos the hippopotamus advertises for a bird to help him with
his bug problem, the tick bird who answers his ad creates a different
set of problems for him by building a nest on Amos's head.

- RC 44178
DB (BARD)
LP 13977
BRU 7243 **BLACK STALLION** by Walter Farley.
Young Alec Ramsay is shipwrecked on a desert island with a horse destined to play an important role in his life.
- RC 59637
DB (BARD) **CAN IT RAIN CATS AND DOGS?** by Melvin Berger.
Answering children's questions about weather, the book addresses sun, wind, rain, snow, hail, thunder, hurricanes and tornadoes.
- RC 48095 **CAN IT REALLY RAIN FROGS?** by Spencer Christian.
This title is full of interesting weather facts, myths, and experiments.
- RC 52401
DB (BARD) **DEADLY WATERS** by Gloria Skurzynski and Alane Fergusen.
While visiting the Everglades National Park with their parents, the Landon children investigate the mystery of dying manatees and learn important lessons about the natural environment.
- RC 48213 **THE DROP IN MY DRINK** by Meredith Hooper.
Follows a single drop of water on its journey through millions of years of our planet's history.
- BR 16974
LP 15628 **ESCAPING THE GIANT WAVE** by Peg Kehret.
An earthquake creates a tsunami while 13-year-old Kyle is on vacation in Oregon. He works to save himself, his 8-year-old sister, BeeBee, and even Daren, who has bullied him for years.
- BR 17149 **EXTREME ANIMALS** by Nicola Davies.
Presents facts about animals that thrive in inhospitable conditions such as the polar bears of the Arctic, emperor penguins of the Antarctic, camels and reptiles of the desert, deep-sea sponges, heat-loving bacteria, and the tiny tardigrade.
- RC 68851
DB 68851 **THE GIRL WHO HELPED THUNDER AND OTHER NATIVE AMERICAN FOLKTALES** by James Bruchac.
Two dozen traditional tales from across North America recount the adventures of mighty chiefs, brave hunters, and clever animals.
- RC 52598 **GLACIERS** by Roy Gallant.
Explains the formation, movement, and effect of glaciers, and differentiates between ice sheets, valley glaciers, and icebergs.

- RC 21839 **HURRICANE** Faith McNulty.
BR 5793 While everybody hurries to prepare for the hurricane headed their way, John worries that the tree house he and his dad built won't survive the storm.
- BRU 6953 **ICEBERGS AND GLACIERS: LIFE AT THE FROZEN EDGE** by Barbara Woods.
Explains how glaciers and icebergs are formed and how glacial action shapes the landscape. Some Arctic and Antarctic flora and fauna are also briefly described.
- BR 16455 **KAILEY** (American Girl series) by Amy Goldman Koss.
RC 61878 Ten-year-old Kailey launches an art protest to keep a developer from
DB (BARD) spoiling her cove and its tide pools.
- RC 56829 **KENSUKE'S KINGDOM** by Michael Morpurgo.
DB (BARD) Twelve-year-old Michael and his dog are swept off the family's boat and stranded on a remote Pacific island. They soon find they are not alone.
- RC 65758 **KNOTTING** by Judy Ann Sadler.
DB (BARD) Shows kids how to make both simple and intricate knots with rope, cord, or twine to make basketball nets, guitar straps, and more.
- BR 15638 **MANATEES** by John E. Becker.
Describes the physical characteristics, behavior, and history of these endangered marine mammals and discusses attempts being made to increase their survival.
- BR 14999 **MUTINY!** (Pirate Hunter series, Book 1) by Brad Strickland.
In 1687, 11-year-old Davy sails to join his uncle in Jamaica where they join a British frigate, participate in a failed mutiny, commandeer another ship, and masquerade as pirates.
Also in the series: 2. **GUNS OF TORTUGA** - BR 15069,
3. **HEART OF STEELE** - BR 15078
- RC 52180 **OCEAN DETECTIVES** by Mary M. Cerullo.
Examines how scientists try to solve problems in marine ecology such as the destruction of coral reefs and the decline of penguin and salmon populations.

- RC 25291 **THE ORPHAN OF ELLIS ISLAND** by Elvira Woodruff.
DB (BARD) Includes bibliographical references. During a school trip to Ellis Island, Dominick Avaro, a ten-year-old foster child, travels back in time to 1908 Italy and accompanies two young emigrants to America.
- RC 56721 **OUT OF THE DEEP** by Gloria Skurzynski.
DB (BARD) Jack, Ashley, and their new foster sister set out to figure out why whales are beaching themselves at Acadia National Park.
- RC 62169 **PETER AND THE STARCATCHERS** by Dave Berry and Ridley Pearson.
DB (BARD) In Berry and Pearson's prequel to J. M. Barrie's "Peter Pan", Peter and four other orphan boys are aboard an English vessel that is shipwrecked. Their new friend, Molly, has a mysterious trunk that Captain Hook and his pirates are after.
- RC 43413 **A PIZZA THE SIZE OF THE SUN** by Jack Prelutsky.
A classic collection of Prelutsky poetry, including "I'm Wrestling with an Octopus."
- RC 56079 **THE RED ROSE BOX** by Brenda Woods.
DB (BARD) In 1953, Leah's Aunt Olivia sends her a train ticket to Los Angeles, where there are no Jim Crow laws, but then a hurricane changes Leah's ideas about home and family.
- BRU 7089 **SHIPWRECK** (Island, Book 1) by Gordon Korman.
Six teens on a boat in the Pacific Ocean are shipwrecked and must learn how to survive.
Also in the series:
2. **SURVIVAL** - BRU 7090
3. **ESCAPE** - BRU 7091
- RC 39050 **SKYLARK** by Patricia MacLachlan.
BR 9786 Anna and Caleb visit Maine with their new stepmother, while their father tries to save their drought-stricken farm.
- BR 17366 **STAR IN THE STORM** by Joan Hiatt Harlow.
In 1912, when her town bans all non-shepherding dogs, 12-year-old Maggie hides her family's Newfoundland, Sirius. When a steamship founders during a storm, she must decide whether to send Sirius to rescue passengers or keep him safely hidden.

- RC 55886 **STORM WARRIORS** by Elise Carbone.
 BR 15532 In 1895, after his mother's death, 12-year-old Nathan moves with his
 DB (BARD) father and grandfather to Pea Island, off the coast of North Carolina.
 There he hopes to join the all-black crew at the nearby lifesaving
 station, despite his father's objections.
- RC 25111 **SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON** by Johann D. Wyss.
 BR 8265 Relates the fortunes of a shipwrecked family as they imaginatively
 adapt to life on an island with abundant animal and plant life.
- RC 42787 **TITANIC CROSSING** by Barbara Williams.
 BR 10644 With his father's recent death, his mother's unhappiness, and his
 sister's annoying behavior, 13-year-old Albert has enough to worry
 about even before the events of the ill-fated Titanic begin to unfold.
- RC 50863 **A TREASURY OF PIRATE STORIES** by Tony Bradman.
 Thirteen stories or excerpts about pirates written by such authors as
 Joan Aiken, Ruth Ainsworth, J.M. Barrie, Pat Hutchins, Margaret
 Mahy, Arthur Ransome, and Robert Louis Stevenson.
- RC 67331 **THE VOYAGE OF PATIENCE GOODSPEED**
 DB 67331 by Heather Vogel Frederick.
 DB (BARD) October 1835, Captain Goodspeed includes a reluctant 12-year-old
 Patience and her enthusiastic 6-year-old brother in a whaling
 expedition bound for Cape Horn. When a new crew member incites a
 mutiny, Patience finds opportunities to put her mathematical ability to
 good use.
- RC 48417 **THE WATER HORSE** by Dick King-Smith.
 In 1930, on the coast of Scotland, eight-year-old Kirstie finds a large
 egg that hatches into an unusual sea creature, and, as he grows, her
 family must decide what to do with him.
- BR 13286 **WATER POWER** by Ian Graham.
 Presents a brief history of human endeavors to harness water, from
 waterwheels to steam engines to electricity-producing dams.
- RC 19857 **WEATHER EXPERIMENTS** by Vera R. Webster.
 BR 5407 Ten simple experiments demonstrate basic concepts about
 temperature, air, wind, and water.

- RC 55174 **WHAT MAKES AN OCEAN WAVE?** by Melvin Berger.
DB (BARD) Provides information about various aspects of the world's oceans-- waves, tides, the food chain, marine creatures, coastlines, and more.
- RC 60799 **WILD ABOUT WEATHER: FIFTY WET, WINDY, AND**
DB (BARD) **WONDERFUL ACTIVITIES** by Ed Brotak.
Discusses Earth's atmosphere, the seasons, wind, humidity, clouds, thunderstorms, tornadoes, hurricanes, and weather forecasting. Includes experiments and activities such as making a barometer.
- RC 49853 **WILLIWAW!** by Tom Bodet.
BRU 6957 While their father is away, 13-year-old September and her 12-year-old brother Ivan defy his orders and set out in their small boat for the Alaskan town across the bay, only to be caught in a terrifying storm called a williwaw.